

## Travel Scams



You receive notification in the mail you have won a free 3 – 4 day vacation at a plush Bahamas Resort. Your only requirement is to attend a presentation describing the property and all the perks that come with it. They may also indicate you are in a good position to join their travel club.

The notification explains that prior to your stay; you will need to secure your reservation with a \$500.00 deposit that will take care of any taxes and luggage fees.

This may sound like a great opportunity, but many are naïve to the unscrupulous tactics of these crooks and their attempt to defraud them.

### Crime Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Research the company making offer.
- ✓ Are there membership and annual fees?
- ✓ Do you have the right to cancel your membership at anytime?
- ✓ Will there be blackout dates and times you cannot book your vacation?
- ✓ Be wary of free gift offers and pressure to buy.
- ✓ Don't fall for a free vacation; it more than likely is a scam.

If you wish to file a complaint or get more information:

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1-800-922-1594.